



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *South Bend, IN*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of South Bend was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant, a cleanup grant, and a revolving loan fund grant. The city has a population of 107,800, and a poverty rate of 16 percent. Approximately 34 percent of the residents are minorities. The city has identified 243 brownfield properties along commercial corridors. Many of the city's brownfields are in areas that are home to a large percentage of the minority population, and disproportionately impact low-income and minority residents. Redevelopment of these brownfield properties is expected to encourage neighborhood-based commercial enterprises and industrial/warehousing operations, and ameliorate environmental justice concerns for residents and neighborhoods.



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$100,000 for hazardous substances**  
**\$100,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of South Bend for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds and petroleum grant funds will both be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments on a city-wide basis. Potential sites include a former foundry site that is now a city park, a former railroad site in the Studebaker/Oliver project area, and sites in wellhead protection areas. The funds will also be used for institutional control monitoring.

### Cleanup Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of South Bend for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Oliver Plow Works site. The site is part of the Studebaker/Oliver Plow Works Redevelopment Strategy, a phased approach for eventually redeveloping the entire Studebaker and Oliver factories into two light industrial parks. Grant funds also will be used for remediation and post-cleanup reporting, and community involvement activities.

### Revolving Loan Fund Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$250,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of South Bend for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of South Bend will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites throughout the city that are contaminated with hazardous substances. Loans will be made based on an environmental prioritization process.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.